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For: ORAL ADMINISTRATION FORM FOR PYRIDIN-2-YLMETHYLSULFINYL-1H-BENZIMIDAZOLES

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action (Paper No. 9) of January 29, 2003, kindly amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Cancel claims 1 to 9 and 11 to 20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and insert the following claims thereof:

--21. (Replacing Claim 1) An oral fixed combination administration form for an active compound, which is a pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which comprises the active compound in a capsule in two different administration forms, which release the active compound at two different points of time, wherein one administration form comprises the active compound together with a tablet disintegrant and bears a coating film which is customary per se for sustained - release compositions, and wherein the other administration form comprises the active compound and bears an enteric coating film.